

Message

From: Poulsom, Susan [Poulsom.Susan@epa.gov]
Sent: 1/21/2021 5:20:28 PM
To: Opalski, Dan [Opalski.Dan@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Biden Administration day one actions re: environment and regulatory efforts

Thanks. I will follow up with Kevin & Marcus

From: Opalski, Dan <Opalski.Dan@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 9:19 AM
To: Poulsom, Susan <Poulsom.Susan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Biden Administration day one actions re: environment and regulatory efforts

My assumption is that they will be on hold at least temporarily. In the past, anything headed through the FR has gotten caught in this net until someone sorts those that are truly "rules" from other actions. Does not hurt to let OWM know that we have these couple of permits awaiting FR notice. Can't imagine we're alone in this regard.

From: Poulsom, Susan <Poulsom.Susan@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 9:14 AM
To: Opalski, Dan <Opalski.Dan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Biden Administration day one actions re: environment and regulatory efforts

Wondering how this impacts our schedule for FR notices for the Net Pens GP and AK Seafood modification?

1. Memo: Regulatory Freeze Pending Review. The typical memo freezing anything that has not published in the FR and examining recently published regs in the FR.

From: Opalski, Dan <Opalski.Dan@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 8:32 AM
To: Grafe, Cyndi <Grafe.Cyndi@epa.gov>; Burgess, Karen <Burgess.Karen@epa.gov>; Chung, Angela <Chung.Angela@epa.gov>; Croxton, David <Croxton.David@epa.gov>; Grandinetti, Cami <Grandinetti.Cami@epa.gov>; Martinson, Mathew <martinson.mathew@epa.gov>; Murchie, Peter <Murchie.Peter@epa.gov>; Poulsom, Susan <Poulsom.Susan@epa.gov>; Shaw, Hanh <Shaw.Hanh@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Biden Administration day one actions re: environment and regulatory efforts

From: Varnado, Miriam <Varnado.Miriam@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 7:58 AM
To: Water Program Contact List - Directors <Water Program Contact List_Directors@epa.gov>
Cc: Water Program Contact List - Deputy Directors <Water Program Contact List_Deputy Directors@epa.gov>; Jones, Erica <Jones.Erica@epa.gov>; Looper, Catherine <Looper.Catherine@epa.gov>; Marcus, Pam <marcus.pam@epa.gov>; Rauscher, Leslie <Rauscher.Leslie@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Biden Administration day one actions re: environment and regulatory efforts

Hello All,

Passing along FYI. I was told there is more coming on the implementation of all of these. I will keep you posted!

Regards,

Miriam

Miriam Varnado

Lead Region Coordinator for the Office of Water

EPA Region 6 (WD) -Water Division

1201 Elm Street, Suite 500,

Dallas, TX 75270-2102

Office: 214-665-7171 / work cell: 214-789-0631/ varnado.miriam@epa.gov

From: Spraul, Greg <Spraul.Greg@epa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 9:26 AM

Subject: Biden Administration day one actions re: environment and regulatory efforts

Dear colleagues,

I thought I would pass along the E.O.s and the memos that I've seen so far that will impact OW's policy and reg work. This list is not exhaustive. Feel free to forward to others in your organization.

1. List of agency actions to be reviewed (includes NWPR (aka WOTUS), 401, LCR, Perchlorate, Corps nationwide permit, MD's Chesapeake Bay WIP, Bay Delta decisions)
2. Memo on Modernizing Regulatory Review – calls for the OMB director to produce.. “a set of recommendations for improving and modernizing regulatory review. These recommendations should provide concrete suggestions on how the regulatory review process can promote public health and safety, economic growth, social welfare, racial justice, environmental stewardship, human dignity, equity, and the interests of future generations. The recommendations should also include proposals that would ensure that regulatory review serves as a tool to affirmatively promote regulations that advance these values. These recommendations should be informed by public engagement with relevant stakeholders.”
3. Executive Order on Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis. See Section 7 that revokes several Trump E.O.s on WOTUS and infrastructure.
4. Executive Order on Revocation of Certain Executive Orders Concerning Federal Regulation. Includes revoking the Trump E.O. on guidance documents.
5. Executive Order On Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government. Requires agencies to perform “equity” reviews.
6. Memo: Regulatory Freeze Pending Review. The typical memo freezing anything that has not published in the FR and examining recently published regs in the FR.

Greg Spraul

Senior Advisor for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs

Office of Water

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Direct: 202-564-0255